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In re Application of )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

Amendment

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

26. (New) A method of amplifying a target nucleic acid sequence, the method comprising:  
  
amplifying an artificial long terminal repeat vector by strand displacement replication primed by two or more strand displacement primers,